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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Toshitaka YOSHIHIRO, et al.

Application No.: 09/864,336

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Examiner: Sharon Latimer

Art Unit: 2615

For: MAGNETIC TAPE TRACKING CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD,

MAGNETIC TAPE FORMAT, RECORDING MEDIUM AND PROGRAM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please amend the application by entering the enclosed substitute specification in place of that which was previously filed. A redlined copy of the specification is also attached incorporating the changes.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5-9, 14-18 and 23 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claim(s) is/are set forth in a